

## Message Text

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ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 TRSE-00 EB-07 /018 W  
-----090527Z 124960 /17  
R 081127Z JUN 77  
FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3947  
INFO AMCONSUL BOMBAY

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EFIN, IN  
SUBJ: RESERVE BANK OF INDIA GOLD DEPOSIT PROGRAM

REF: STATE 123808

E. AFTER CONTACTING THE EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT OF THE  
RBI WE CAN CONFIRM THAT CURRENTLY NO RBI SCHEME  
EXISTS TO REDUCE GOLD HOARDING IN INDIA.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT THE ARTICLE MENTIONED IN  
REFTEL REFERS TO THE SCHEME SUGGESTED TO GOI BY S.N.  
SONAWALLA, VICE PRESIDENT OF BOMBAY BULLION ASSOCIATION  
LTD. (BBAL), TO REDUCE GOLD HOARDINGS IN INDIA. AN  
OUTLINE OF THE SCHEME APPEARED IN THE ECONOMIC TIMES OF  
APRIL 28, 1977 AND ENVISAGED FORMATION OF A GOLD BANK OR  
TRUST WITH AUTHORITY TO ISSUE, TO THE PUBLIC, INTEREST  
BEARING CERTIFICATES OR BONDS AGAINST THEIR DEPOSITS OF  
GOLD AND GOLD JEWELRY WITH THE TRUST. THE SUGGESTED  
SCHEME ALSO PROVIDED FOR BORROWING FROM THE RBI BY THE  
TRUST AGAINST ITS HOLDING OF GOLD AND GOLD JEWELRY.  
BOTH BBAL AND RBI HAVE TOLD CONGEN BOMBAY THAT GOI HAS  
NOT RESPONDED TO THIS SUGGESTION.

3. ACCORDING TO GOI'S REGIONAL OFFICE OF  
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GOLD CONTROL ADMINISTRATION IN BOMBAY, THERE HAS BEEN  
NO ANTI-GOLD HOARDING MEASURES INSTITUTED BY GOI  
IN RECENT YEARS. GOHEEN

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## Message Attributes

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